ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Pease:

I was most pleased to note that you have introduced a Concurrent Resolution into the House of Representatives which would make explicit full Congressional support to the President in his efforts to advance the cause of human rights in the international arena and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to obtain full compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki accords. I personally welcome a resolution seeking to reinforce and strengthen the efforts which I am undertaking in the State Department as Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

I would like to suggest two minor changes in the language of the resolution. On page two, I would respectfully suggest that you eliminate the phrase in the second paragraph beginning "receiving" and ending with "while". This change would make the Resolution more broadly applicable, consistent with policy statements by administration officials.

I would further respectfully suggest also on page two that the phrase "and is a commitment of all members of the United Nations" be added after the word "institutions" and before the semicolon in the third paragraph. This reaffirms the central role of the United Nations, its charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the joint commitments of member nations to the principles which the proposed Concurrent Resolution is intended to support.

The Honorable
Donald J. Pease,
House of Representatives.

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The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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